



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

City Parking Permit Program–Dave Dunn

Issue has been discussed at previous public hearings and meetings. Main consideration to discuss is fee charge for parking spaces. Current charge is \$10 per year. Any decisions on the parking permit area would be passed by Resolution 07-13 if the Council wishes to vote tonight.

Katherine Iocovelli–810 East D Street, Economic Development Chair–Understands the importance of a fee for parking program, but doesn't wish to see fee increase enough to impact small downtown business owners.

Michelle Kirshner–Brunswick Main Street–Supports the parking program as is. Small portion of business owners taking advantage of this program...doesn't want them to be discouraged by not being allowed to utilize program or having to park blocks away. Mentions Community Legacy Plan and Economic Strategic Plan both mention business and employee parking as downtown concern.

Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Regulations Text Amendment–Landscape Manual: Ordinances 458-468–Jeff Love

Staff Report attached. Ordinances proposed establish a Landscape Manual for the City of Brunswick.

No public comment.

Smith–States a Lot of Record is not required to have sidewalks, curb & gutter, etc. How can City tell owners they need to landscape, if we can't enforce sidewalks, curb & gutter, etc.

Love–Sidewalks, curb & gutter, etc. are infrastructure requirements; landscaping is not.

Smith–Doesn't wish to add costs to building process.

Mayor–Feels lots of record shouldn't be included in Landscape Manual.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007, 7:25 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL–Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Bruchey, Smith—all present

MAYOR’S REMARKS

Railroad Days held over weekend. Diverse views as to whether crowd was larger than past years.
Next event is Veterans Day Parade.

Jeff Love has turned in resignation. He will be working at City of Frederick.

Currently undergoing annual audit. Will be completed and report returned by end of October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Closed Meeting–September 4, 2007

Finance Committee–September 4, 2007

Mayor and Council–September 11 & 25, 2007

Motion to approve–Stull

2nd–Allgaier

Vote 6-0

STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police–Chief Smith

Report attached.

Events–Geri Reynolds

Report attached.

Water–Patrick Hoffmaster

Report attached.

Waste Water–Mike Campbell

Report attached.

Planning & Zoning–Jeff Love

Report attached.

Public Works—Al Danaher
Report attached.

Code Enforcement—Dave Dunn
Report attached.

View Engineering—Rick Travers
Report attached.

Smith—When is Rubble Field going to be approved?

Travers—Confusion with County over whether we owed a fee or not.

CITIZENS' FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

City Parking Permit Program—Dave Dunn

Attempting to consolidate the many permitted parking areas around the City that have been created through the years. The current plan calls for a \$10 fee with a yearly renewal. Currently merchants are allowed two parking spaces at Martin's Creek. Spaces need to be lined properly and have proper identification. All changes need to be enacted by resolution.

Allgaier—Wintergreen Lane and Railroad Square are different circumstances from other areas in question.

Smith—Wintergreen Lane no longer seems to be a problem, since high school administrators have enforced students parking only on school property.

Allgaier—Should look at deregulating Wintergreen Lane if it's no longer a problem.

Bruchey—Proposes to have meeting with Main Street and EDC to understand their issues.

Smith—This program was initially started because homeowners complained of commuter parking in spaces on their streets.

Biser—If Martin's Creek is made available to businesses for parking, program should work.

Mayor—If merchants don't want to park at Martin's Creek, and that is what is offered, they can park at metered spaces, but will be ticketed.

Mayor—Objective is to provide parking for customers on Potomac Street, assurance to residents that they'll be able to park somewhat close to their homes every day, and designated merchant parking areas.

Mayor—Feels if business owners don't like parking at Martin's Creek, they can park in non-permitted areas.

Michelle Kirshner—Where are areas that aren't permitted, and is City pushing business owners into more residential areas?

Dave Dunn—Questions whether costs to operate this program should be subsidized by all residents, not just residents unfortunate enough to live where there is a parking program.

Allgaier—Another point to discuss is how to display permit, i.e. stickers, placards?

Motion to table for discussion—Bruchey

2nd—Smith

Vote 4-2 (Smith, Biser against)

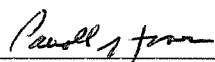
NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Cooper Property Annexation Resolution—Jeff Love

Staff report attached. This begins annexation process for Cooper Property. No recommendation or action from Council is required tonight.

Introduction of Cooper Property Charter Boundary Amendment Resolution to Decrease the City Boundary—Jeff Love

Staff report attached. This required in order for annexation resolution to occur. No recommendation or action from Council is required tonight.

Approved By:  11/13/07
Mayor Date

Witnessed By:  11/13/07
City Administrator Date